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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Ms. Ilona Jeffcoat-Sacco  
Executive Secretary  
North Dakota Public Service Commission  
600 East Boulevard Avenue, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Re: Wholesale Service Order Charge Amendment to the Interconnection  
Agreement between Qwest Corporation and McLeod Telecommunications  
Services, Inc. d/b/a PAETEC Business Services for the State of North Dakota

Dear Ms. Jeffcoat-Sacco:

Enclosed for filing for approval by the North Dakota Public Service Commission pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252 and N.D. Cent. Code § 49-21-01.7 is the Wholesale Service Order Charge Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation and McLeod Telecommunications Services, Inc. d/b/a PAETEC Business Services for the State of North Dakota.

Contact information for McLeod Telecommunications Services, Inc. d/b/a PAETEC Business Services is as follows:

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McLeod Telecommunications Services, Inc.  
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We will forward an electronic copy of the Agreement to you for posting on the Commission's website.

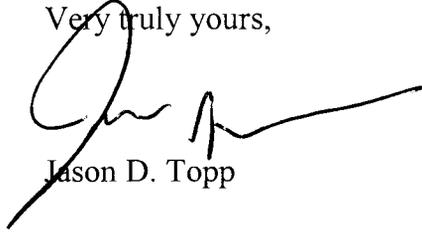
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Thank you for your help with this matter. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Very truly yours,

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Jason D. Topp

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Enclosure

cc: Julia Redman-Carter (via e-mail)  
Gina Buchholtz (via e-mail)

**Wholesale Service Order Charge Amendment  
To the Interconnection Agreement between  
Qwest Corporation and McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc.  
dba PAETEC Business Services  
for the state of North Dakota**

This is an Amendment ("Amendment") to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation ("Qwest"), a Colorado corporation, and McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. dba PAETEC Business Services ("CLEC"), an Iowa corporation. CLEC and Qwest shall be known jointly as the "Parties".

**RECITALS**

WHEREAS, CLEC and Qwest entered into an Interconnection Agreement ("Agreement") for service in the state of North Dakota which was approved by the North Dakota Public Service Commission ("Commission"); and

WHEREAS, CLEC maintains a tariff or price list on file in the State of North Dakota which requires Qwest, when submitting orders to process a customer conversion from CLEC to Qwest to compensate CLEC for the activities that CLEC claims is required to process the order (the "Wholesale Service Order Charge"); and

WHEREAS, Qwest has disputed the lawfulness of the CLEC tariff or price list and its application to Qwest, resulting in litigation filed by CLEC against Qwest and subsequently a settlement between Qwest and CLEC regarding, among other issues, CLEC's claim for compensation for Wholesale Service Order Charges; and

WHEREAS, the Parties wish to amend the Agreement further under the terms and conditions contained herein to implement the terms of the settlement related to this particular dispute.

**AGREEMENT**

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual terms, covenants and conditions contained in this Amendment and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

**Amendment Terms**

The Agreement is hereby amended by adding terms, conditions and rates pursuant to which CLEC will invoice Qwest for and Qwest will pay Wholesale Service Order Charges. The terms of the Parties' agreement are set forth and specified in Attachment 1 and the Pricing Exhibit to this Amendment, which is incorporated herein by this reference.

**Effective Date**

This Amendment shall be deemed effective upon approval by the Commission; however, the Parties may agree to implement the provisions of this Amendment upon execution, with such implementation relating to payment of charges contemplated in this Amendment being subject to true-up with an effective bill date of August 1, 2008. To accommodate this need, CLEC must generate, if necessary, an updated Customer

Questionnaire. In addition to the Questionnaire, all system updates will need to be completed by Qwest. CLEC will be notified when all system changes have been made. Actual order processing may begin once these requirements have been met. Additionally, Qwest shall implement any necessary billing changes within two (2) billing cycles after the latest execution date of this Amendment, with a true-up back to the latest execution date of this Amendment by the end of the second billing cycle. The Parties agree that so long as Qwest implements the billing changes and the true-up as set forth above, the CLEC's bills shall be deemed accurate and adjusted without error.

**Further Amendments**

Except as modified herein, the provisions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect. The provisions of this Amendment, including the provisions of this sentence, may not be amended, modified or supplemented, and waivers or consents to departures from the provisions of this Amendment may not be given without the written consent thereto by both Parties' authorized representatives. No waiver by any Party of any default, misrepresentation, or breach of warranty or covenant hereunder, whether intentional or not, will be deemed to extend to any prior or subsequent default, misrepresentation, or breach of warranty or covenant hereunder or affect in any way any rights arising by virtue of any prior or subsequent such occurrence.

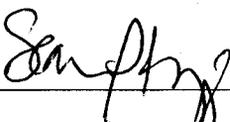
**Entire Agreement**

The Agreement as amended (including the documents referred to herein) constitutes the full and entire understanding and agreement between the Parties with regard to the subjects of the Agreement as amended and supersedes any prior understandings, agreements, or representations by or between the Parties, written or oral, to the extent they relate in any way to the subjects of the Agreement as amended.

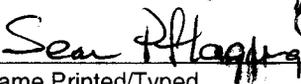
The Parties intending to be legally bound have executed this Amendment as of the dates set forth below, in multiple counterparts, each of which is deemed an original, but all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument.

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Services, Inc.  
dba PAETEC Business Services**

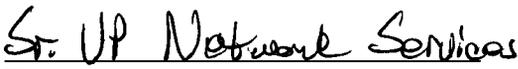
**Qwest Corporation**

  
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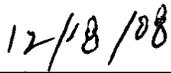
  
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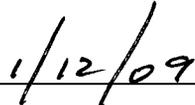
  
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Director – Wholesale Contracts  
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## ATTACHMENT 1

### TO WHOLESALE SERVICE ORDER CHARGE AMENDMENT

1. **CLEC Wholesale Service Order Charges** Qwest agrees that pursuant to the terms of the Amendment, Qwest will not dispute CLEC's properly stated and documented invoices for Wholesale Service Order charges associated with orders submitted by Qwest to transfer a CLEC customer to Qwest, and will pay such invoices according to the payment terms of the Agreement. The invoices will be deemed properly stated and documented if they are provided by McLeod in electronic spreadsheet format (e.g., Excel, Access or equivalent format) and, for each charge, McLeod provides Qwest with Qwest's PON, the phone number to which the service applies, and the date McLeod provides the service for that phone number. The rates applicable to CLEC's Wholesale Service Order charges to Qwest are as listed in Exhibit 1 hereto. The Parties agree that Qwest has not waived its rights to dispute invoices for Wholesale Service Order charges for accuracy or other such reasons not related to the applicability of the Amendment.

2. **Without Prejudice** a. The Parties agree that Qwest reserves its rights to challenge CLEC's Wholesale Service Order tariff provisions before the Commission or before the utility commissions of other states. The Parties further agree that Qwest's agreement to the Amendment is and shall be without prejudice to any position that Qwest may take in the event that Qwest institutes any challenge to CLEC's Wholesale Service Order tariff provisions in the future. In the litigation of any such challenge, CLEC shall not make any argument in support of its tariffs based on the Amendment or on Qwest's agreement to enter the Amendment, including but not limited to any argument that the Amendment evidences Qwest's acceptance of CLEC's right to collect charges for the activities identified in the Amendment. b. It is the intent of the Parties to negotiate in good faith whether terms and rates similar to those in the Amendment should be included in the successors to the Agreement. Neither Qwest nor CLEC waive any position it may take with respect to negotiations in any successor agreements.

3. **Termination.** The Amendment shall continue in force until the earliest of these events: a. The parties mutually agree to terminate it, including but not limited to the execution and approval of a successor to the Agreement; or b. The Commission issues a Final Order that the Wholesale Service Order charge provisions in McLeodUSA's tariff in this state are unjust, unreasonable, unlawful or otherwise unenforceable, in which case this Amendment shall be deemed terminated in this state with respect to charges for any Wholesale Service Orders after the effective date of the Commission's order.

## PRICING EXHIBIT

<u>State</u>	<u>McLeodUSA Rate</u>
Arizona	\$ 24.24
Idaho	\$ 16.22
Iowa	\$ 20.70
Montana	\$ 23.94
Nebraska	\$ 24.87
New Mexico	\$ 29.23
North Dakota	\$ 24.87
Oregon	\$ 17.09
South Dakota	\$ 24.87
Utah	\$ 13.10
Washington	\$ 21.24
Wyoming	\$ 17.36